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Happy New Year

The Club was buzzing with parties and racing over the holidays. The Peter Andraee and Penguin Trophies are great fun and produced some exciting racing, but it would be great to see a few more people down for the 2012 races. Particularly welcome would be more Members to helm for some of the younger sailors at the Penguin Trophy.

Christmas decorations have been put away, the diet sheets are on the fridge door and the skis are being waxed. It's time to work on plans for the sailing season. 2012 is going to be an exciting year with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the Olympic Games and a great racing and cruising programme at the Club.

Ann Brunskill

Stop Press

Young Sailor of the Year Award

Having already been awarded the Jack in the Basket Trophy at the Club's Annual Dinner, congratulations to Annabel Vose who, together with Megan Brickwood, was presented with the prestigious YJA Pantaenius Young Sailor of the Year Award for 2011 at the London International Boat Show on Saturday 7th January 2012. Annabel and Megan started 2011 by winning the Ladies World Title in Buenos Aires, Argentina in the 420 World Championships at just 16 years of age and despite having suffered a broken mast in one race. They then went on to win Silver and were first female crew at the Flanders Youth Regatta and won the Bronze medal at the 2011 Open 420 Junior European Championships. Annabel and Megan were amongst the 13 RYA Regional Young Sailor of the Year winners who are voted for by the RYA affiliated sailing clubs.

Club

Security on the Water

Hampshire Constabulary have advised the Club that, due to cost constraints, they will not be able to police the rivers as much as they have previously. Therefore it behoves us all to be even more security conscious and vigilant of any unusual activities we see.

Bath Road Car Park

In spite of representations from the both Clubs, the New Forest District Council are not issuing amenity permits in 2012. The 2011 permits will be valid until the end of March. There are full details on the NFDC [website](#).

Rod Perry, Commodore

January Mailing and AGM papers

The January mailing will be going out by the 12th January and this year we are using a mailing house to send out the AGM documents and PotterShip at the same time, with a significant cost reduction. The papers for the AGM are now in booklet form with a tear-out page for the voting slip. Your voting paper should be returned to the Club by 12 noon on Friday 3rd February.

Club Pigeon-holes

Members are reminded not to leave items of value in the ground floor pigeon-holes. The Office are happy to take articles for collection by Members but at Members' own risk.

Balanced Seas - Balanced Thinking

Do you want to explore the top of Newtown Creek on a lovely summer afternoon, kedge whilst you are racing round Saint Catherine's Point or take a RIB over to Alum Bay?

We have news for you.

All these activities are at risk under the terms of the Marine and Coastal Access Act of 2009.

But don't send a delegation to Downing Street just yet.

UK coastal studies, referred to as the Balance Seas programme in the South East and Finding Sanctuary south and west of the Solent, have identified areas where marine life – anything from stalked jellyfish to seagrass beds – are at risk and it is proposed that Marine



Conservation Zones (MCZ) and a new type of Reserved Area (RA) are to be established. In theory there should be no access at all to RA's within the MCZ. For various reasons the top of Newtown Creek, Alum Bay and the area just west of Saint Catherine's all have some element of reservation under consideration.

Other areas in the Solent – including Osborne Bay are also included as proposed MCZ's although most of the mainland shore is already so highly protected that there will be no new impact.

The provisional recommendations as regards establishing MCZ's are currently in a consultation phase. The Club has been monitoring this activity and has joined a stakeholder group, led by the RYA, so that recreational boat owner's interests can be safeguarded.

However you may wish to take a personal interest and express views – whether directly to those involved in the consultation process or via the Club. The first set of comments are due by 13th January although earlier responses, if through the Club would help those collating information. For further details look at the following websites: [The Balanced Seas](#), [Finding Sanctuary](#), and the [MCZ Project Interactive Map](#).

So we can coordinate our concerns from a Club viewpoint please email me, [David Brunskill](#), with your comments as soon as possible.

David Brunskill

Racing

Club Members' Successes at the ISAF World Championships in Perth

Nick Thompson won the silver medal in the Laser class at the ISAF Worlds 2011 in Fremantle. He fulfilled his target of winning another major medal by posting a 2nd in the final race to lift him from 3rd to 2nd overall to the Australian Tom Slingsby. Hannah Snellgrove came 14th in the Laser Radial class.

2012 Racing Programme

We have some great Racing Events for your diary, kicking off with the Spring Series on Sunday 1st April; racing over four Sundays with two races each Sunday morning. The Duo Series is back after a fantastic first season. We hope even more of you will join in this challenging and fun series. The Summer Regatta is on the weekend of 14th and 15th July with a black-tie ball on Saturday 14th, which is sure to be a sell-out. The Diamond Jubilee Regatta, which is being jointly run with the Royal Solent Yacht Club, will be on the 2nd and 3rd June. There will be two committee boats to ensure the best racing for all our different fleets, with a party on Saturday night in Yarmouth and the prize-giving in Lymington on Sunday.



Pre Season Talks

Polish up your rules knowledge and get some tips on how to get your sail setting even better. John Doerr will be talking about the Racing

Rules on Thursday 8th March and Peter Kay giving advice about Advanced Sail Trim on Tuesday 27th March.

Details of all these events are in your printed calendar or on the [website](#).

Chris Neve, Captain of Racing

Wilson Trophy 2012

Chris Sanders is putting together a team for the 2012 West Kirby Wilson Trophy. If you are interested in joining the team for this event please [email](#) him. For more information on the Wilson Trophy go to the [website](#).

Social

Cheer up the dark evenings

Monday Happy Hour and Tuesday have a free drink with your dinner

On Tuesday evenings throughout January and February, the restaurant will be offering a free drink to all diners with a main meal. This will be for one of the following: a glass of wine, a pint of beer or lager, a single spirit with mixer or a soft drink.

Happy Hour will run between 1730 and 1900 on Monday evenings in January and February.

Social events in January and February

Click on the banners below for full details.



Six Nations Rugby starts on Saturday 4th February



House

Christmas and New Year

Last month was particularly busy for House with many Christmas Events in the Clubhouse. This culminated in a fantastic New Year's Eve Party followed by New Year's Day Brunch. These were prime examples of the Club at its best when not sailing. The Social Committee, First Floor and Office teams are to be congratulated for their considerable efforts in providing us with a very good time.

Library and Restaurant

We have new curtains in the Restaurant to match the ones in the Library. Still to come are the Roman blinds for the Restaurant which will be fitted as soon as possible and curtain lengths adjusted. We will be refurbishing the Trophy Cabinet soon and investigating what can be done about the lighting levels in the Library.

A new coffee machine has been installed in the restaurant. We selected this model after extensive research with several different companies and offerings. Blind coffee tastings were undertaken and a blend selected over a week of trials before Christmas. The machine is much quicker than the old one and delivers a more consistent and better result.

New audio system

New microphones will be installed on January 24th and 25th together with other changes to the projector and systems in the Library. Instruction sheets will be available after the work has been done and Members are asked not to attempt to operate the audio system or the projector without first referring to a member of staff or Rear Commodore House.

Finally may I thank all Members and their guests for enjoying the First Floor offerings over the past year and wish everyone a happy 2012.

Neil Eccles, Rear Commodore House

Cruising

Needles Relief and Raffle

Many thanks to everyone who contributed generously to our annual raffle to raise monies for our local crews. Our congratulations to the winners who were: 1st, with a ride in the lifeboat, Paul Driscoll, 2nd Annie Littlejohn, 3rd Oliver Dunne. We again had a big presence from the Club, a very enjoyable day at the Royal Solent YC and an impressive display by the Yarmouth and Lymington lifeboats and the Coastguard helicopter.



Winter meet

The next Winter Meet is to Newtown Creek on Thursday 26th January with lunch at the Shalfleet Inn. Please put your names on the list on the Club notice board.

Log Competition - Final reminder

Can we remind all log writers to submit their entries for the 2010 Competition to the office by 13th January. We very much hope we will receive your stories/ records of cruises be they to UK or more distant destinations.

Annual Cruising Dinner - Saturday 18th February

Our Guest of Honour and after dinner speaker will be Commodore Ian Gibb whose 43 years at sea has seen him in command of some of the largest passenger vessels afloat including the 'Canberra' and the super-liner 'Oriana'. Tickets will be available by early January.

Richard Wood, Captain of Cruising

Recent additions to the Chart Room

Courtesy of Yachtmail, we now have the 2012 Reed's Almanac for Atlantic Europe in the Chart Room. Also, to assist your planning for next season, we have purchased the latest editions of RCC Atlantic Islands, RCC Atlantic Spain and Portugal, Adlard's Atlantic Pilot Atlas, ICC South and West Coasts of Ireland, plus Imray Adriatic Pilot, Greek Waters Pilot, Ionian, Italian Waters Pilot and the Turkish Waters and Cyprus Pilot. As we may be chartering there in 2013, the 2011 edition of the Cruising Guide to the Virgin Islands has also been purchased.

Peter Lowe, Cruising Sub-committee

Keelboat racing - dates for the diary

Sunday 1st April: first of the Spring Series Sunday morning racing

Thursday 26th April: first Thursday evening race

Right now we are looking for a new Captain of the Cruiser Racer fleet, because I will be following on from Chris Neve as Captain of Racing. If you are interested, or know someone who might be interested, please [email me](#).

Robin Taunt, Captain of Cruiser Racers

Training and Volunteers

Dates will be confirmed shortly on the various race officer training courses. Please check on the [website](#) for details or [email](#) the office to register your interest. The 2012 volunteering form are being sent out with the January mailing. If you would like to help but aren't quite sure about what's involved please contact the [office](#) and they will arrange for someone to tell you more.

Christmas Racing Activities

Needles Relief Race

27 boats assembled on the Club line in the river for the annual Needles Relief Race. With a flood tide and 10 knots of (chilly) NW wind forecast, Race Officer Chris Baldwick laid 2 straightforward courses for IRC Class 1 and 2. Class 1 went out to SW Shingles and returned directly to the finish line off the Royal Solent YC. The sea state was challenging through the Forts and on to Shingles Elbow with a bit of remaining ebb making the sea bubble up like a cauldron (picture shows the crew on Zarafa); it wasn't easy for the bow crews. Class 2 did a zigzag course between Lymington Bank and Solent Bank on their way to the finish line. There were plenty of boats who decided on the most direct route from Lymington to Yarmouth without any deviations round racing marks! Rear Commodore Sailing thanked the Royal Solent YC for finishing the competitors and being such wonderful hosts as usual. There was also a vote of thanks to both the Lymington and Yarmouth lifeboat crews for all their hard work and gifts of festive cheer were given to each crew.



Results: IRC Class 1: 1st 'Zarafa', Peter Scholfield; 2nd 'Flawless J', James Heald; 3rd 'The Otter', John MacNamara. IRC Class 2: 1st 'Fly Orchid', Paul Fox; 2nd 'Sagacious', Bob Barlow; 3rd 'Elinor', David Houlton.

Hannah Neve

Setley Cup

Back on Setley Pond after last year's ice sent everybody to the Salterns, there was a full Boxing Day attendance for the annual Junior Model Yacht Regatta. Boats came in all shapes and designs, from classic to the latest carbon fibre developments in monohulls to multihulls fabricated out of empty drinks bottles. This year there were 18 monohulls and 28 multihulls who were greeted with a dry but cloudy day and a fresh south west breeze. This enabled Race Officer Stuart Jardine to set a short but challenging course; the gusts ensuring some over canvassed craft capsized. Robert Jardine in the rescue boat was kept busy between races recovering those that had not made the crossing.



Five races were completed with one discard in both fleets. The top two monohulls were equal on 6 points but "Hugo Boss"

sailed by James Nicholson just pipped to the post, by virtue of a 4th place, Annabel Hutchinson with "Skittle Boat" with a 5th place, to win the Setley Cup, with third going to Jessica Nicholson with an identical boat "James". In the multihull class "Big Apple", probably the first true bottle boat to win,



sailed by Flynn Luxton won the Seahorse Trophy, followed by “Maxicat” sailed by Alex Walters and one point behind Alex was Emma Bennett with “Wildcat” in third place.

Final Results were: Setley Cup (Monohulls) 1st James Nicholson – Hugo Boss 2nd Annabel Hutchinson – Skittle Boat 3rd Jessica Nicholson – Pink Rose 4th Jake Walters - Planet 5th Peter Bennett - Skylight 6th William Heathcote – Blue Pearl 7th George Dunsdon - Robber 8th Sam Austin – Accomplice 9th Henny Harrison - Hupane 10th Vita Heathcote – Blue Sky 11th Dirk Rodgers - Alice. Seahorse Trophy (Multihulls) 1st Flynn Luxton – Big Apple, 2nd Alex Walters – Maxicat , 3rd Emma Bennett – Wildcat, 4th Hattie Rogers - TRI , 5th Iona Morris – Iona, 6th Sophie Chartres – Sophie, 7th Ben Batten – Claridge Boat, 8th Callum Morris – Striker, 9th Freya Lillywhite – Pink Peril, 10th Tom Mitchell – Venus, 11th Guy Lillywhite – White not quite, 12th Oscar Connor – Lady Dins, 13th Holly Glyde – Teenage Rebel, 14th Clodagh Grealish – Fairlea Wide.

Stuart Jardine, PRO

Peter Andrae Trophy, Tuesday 27th December



A select group of Junior Sailors turned up for this year’s annual Peter Andrae Trophy. A number of others were missing presumed enjoying the large amount of snow that had landed in the Alps over Christmas. An unusually warm day with very little wind at the start had PRO Stuart Jardine waiting until the wind gradually blew up enough to permit racing. After some very close racing with a number of crowded mark roundings Steven Jarman finished with a clear lead over the rest of the fleet after two races. The next three boats ended up equal on points and the scorers had to go to the countback on 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Once again many thanks to all those who help make this yet another success. Thanks go particularly to Ann Brunskill, Jane Clegg and Mary Ann Jardine dealing with the registration, allocation of Scows, results and the annual cash prizes to all and also Robin Markes, Chris Neve and Ado Jardine on the pontoon and Bob Burney/David Bedford and Chris Baldwick/ Ian Jarman in the RIB’s with Kristy Powell organising the seven Scows and Sophie in the Club Office.

Results: 1st Steven Jarman (Senior), 2nd James Dodd (Senior), 3rd William Bedford (Junior), 4th Sarah Jarman (Senior), 5th Danielle Thomas (Junior), 6th Hattie Rogers (Junior).



Steven Jarman with the Peter Andrae Trophy

Penguin Trophy Wednesday 28th December

The forecast was for strong winds but the wind in the river was light and fluky on the day. Race Officer Chris Baldwick set a course starting on the Walhampton side of the river and a windward mark between the Club and Harbour pontoons. The latter provided excellent close viewing of competitors’ tactics at the windward mark with suitable comments from the other competitors and onlookers on the pontoon. Two of the parent/ child crews in the Scows found the festive spirit disappearing very quickly and either retired or continued with gritted teeth. In spite of a 40 degree wind shift which necessitated a change of course halfway through the event and some major



position changes in one race, the heats were quickly completed and the finals began. The pontoon party became noisier as the racing got faster and more furious. Hannah Snellgrove, fresh from her excellent 14th place in the Laser Radials at the World Championships in Perth, Australia, was delighted to beat her coach, Ben Paton but unable to overcome the dynamic team of Rory and Alex Paton, who took the Penguin Trophy home again.

Chris Baldwick was assisted on the water by Robin Marks with Bob Burney, Vince Sutherland and Jack Smith in the mark laying RIBs. Ado Jardine, Jane Clegg, Jane Corden and Ann Brunskill were on the pontoon for the finish, with Gill Baldwick in charge of registration. Cherie Dodd dispensed hot coffee and mulled wine with mince pies and produced a magnificent 'Penguin Trophy' Christmas cake complete with an iceberg, yacht and several penguins which was enjoyed by everyone. Gill Baldwick presented the trophy to Rory and Alex Paton. Results: 1st Rory and Alex Paton, 2nd Hannah Snellgrove and Tom Dudley, 3rd Ben Paton and Sophie Heritage, 4th Charlotte Lawrence and Robyn Stock, 5th Connie Stock and Nick Cherry, 6th Nick and James Eales.

More pictures are on the Club's [Facebook](#) page.



Optimists

George Heathcote and the family are now in Europe on the Snow Truck and will be returning in April, having had a number of fantastic experiences no doubt. We wish them luck and this leaves the latest Optimist news to us till George's return. December is normally a quiet month for dinghy racing but the Optimists were busier than ever. The month kicked off with the National, Intermediate and Development squad training in Grafham, Farmoor and Cardiff, which was largely made up of RLymYC sailors and followed by the second Matt Rainback weekend. Matt's training started with the annual Christmas Juniors party on the Friday and thanks go to Jennifer Muskett and her team for a most enjoyable night. The following day was well supported by 45 juniors: alongside this training Alan Williams (National Coach) ran the Invitational Girls Training with 18 invitees. With most of the girls staying with local families and some fantastic weather everyone had a great time and learnt a lot...including the coaches who discovered Oxey Lake mud as the tide retreated quickly.

Whilst training has been busy there have also been Club sailors abroad with a number spending Christmas in Florida for the Orange Bowl, a number at the Euro Med in Malta with Karyna Manuel placing 2nd overall in the senior fleet and finally Milo Gill-Taylor travelling out to NZ for the Optimist World Championships which started on January 1st. We wish Milo every success and, as the youngest British sailor to have participated at the Worlds, we have our fingers crossed. That is it for now and we all look forward to a very good 2012.

Ian Jarman and Simon Rogers

RNLI

Another reminder about the RNLI stall at Beaulieu Boat Jumble next April. Bring anything surplus to requirements to the boatmen for storage until April.

Social Events

The annual Bridge Drive will be held at the Club on Monday, 6th February at 12 noon. For booking contact Sandra Allpress at 01590 643268. The Guild AGM with Branch and Lifeboat Stations reports will be on Thursday 8th March at the Lymington Town Sailing Club at 7.30 pm

FOR SALE

Sun awning. 9' 8" x 9' 4" £40 ono
Please call Mike Redfern - 01590 682126

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Ann Brunskill

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